

# SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA

Devoted to the Study and Discussion  
of Problems Incident to the Growth

OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

## Get Into the Movement

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The statement made by Marx to the effect that capitalist society has "forged the weapons that bring death to itself," is surely being borne out. Discontent is stalking abroad. We hear of revolutions in Russia, Turkey; rumors of revolution in India, Germany, Serbia, etc. And what does it mean? Simply that the workers, our comrades, are slowly shaking themselves preparatory to the throwing off of the yoke of capitalism. The weapons are even now forged and the hands almost prepared to grasp them.

The financial and industrial depression of the past eighteen months has shown the workers as never before the absurdity and cruelty of a society in which millions are starved because too much food and clothing has been produced. Warehouses filled to overflowing and the producers starving are spectacles which should cause every intelligent man to think.

These periods of depression are inevitable. Capitalism proves no remedy so that the best we may hope for is a chance to accumulate a small bank account during periods of prosperity to be eaten up when the next financial crisis brings about the proverbial "rainy day". This ceaseless, monotonous grind does not satisfy the intelligent workingman and he begins to think and presently discovers that the trouble lies in the fact that, although his class is organized on the industrial field, yet the political field has been neglected. He has been striking against and at the same time voting for his boss. When he strikes he finds that his boss invariably uses the power which he (the workman) has given him, through his vote, to defeat labor. He finds that the militia, police, etc., whose wages he pays, are against him. He now sees that in order to save himself from complete slavery he must control the means of government and use the powers of government in order to regain his birthright—free access to the tools of production.

In order to bring about this new Order he must learn that his only course is affiliation with the revolutionary labor movement, the International Socialist Party. In other words he must become class-conscious. He now has a bow of hope within sight at all times. He is working for a time when men may be free; when they have obtained economic freedom. Not the sort of liberty which allows men to cheat and plunder their fellows; to bribe legislators, and corrupt political parties, to defy the laws of the land and the will of the people, but the liberty which enables him to throw off these things and stand up in his manhood and prove himself the noblest work of the Creator.

My readers, get into this movement. At least learn its meaning and the causes of its rise and rapid growth. It is your duty as a citizen to investigate the economics of Socialism in order that you may work either for or against it as your conscience may dictate. But remember that your conscience is not a competent judge until you have thoroughly investigated and proven the truth or falsity of its claims.

In conclusion allow me to quote a few beautiful lines from Edwin Harbut.

"My heart leaps forward to the coming day  
When battle flags forever shall be furled,  
When all mankind shall choose the better way,  
And Peace and Love be guardians of the world."

## THE CLASS CONSCIOUS SOCIALIST

The members of the general public have a hazy idea of the fundamental principles of Socialism. They consider that the Socialists are a visionary lot who have some wild idea upon the question of the advancement of human happiness through force, confiscation and general turmoil.

As a matter of fact the Socialist is the most scientific and philosophic political party in the world. In Canada it is the only political party which sees the aim towards which it moves and which proceeds determinedly and un-

waveringly towards the desired goal. The other political parties are unstable in policy. The Conservative party has sought a platform to suit what it considered would win the public approval. The Liberal party adopted a platform and completely neglected it in practice. Nine-tenths of the Conservatives do not know what Conservatism means; nine-tenths of the Liberals are in the same box with regard to fundamental philosophical Liberal principles; but every class conscious Socialist in the Dominion of Canada understands Socialism, what it means, what it stands for, and what it will eventually accomplish. The nucleus of class conscious Socialists are the centre of the movement and will eventually succeed in bringing about the peaceful and logical revolution.

## PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIALISM

Philosophical Socialism is a historic discovery. With the development of scientific knowledge new ideas have been discovered, and new philosophies, and among them have been discovered the scientific principles upon which modern Socialism is based.

The basic fact upon which the structure of scientific Socialism is reared is the fact that heredity and environment form character. The fact that we can change our environment is the motive force for Socialistic activity.

Figs do not grow from thistles, neither are black children born from white parents. Hereditary traits are seen in families running from generation to generation when the generations have been born in the same environment. Heredity in the past is beyond our powers to alter. We can only help to help change the heredity of the future.

We can influence our environment and by changing our environment we will change the characteristics of the race. Ministers of the gospel wonder why their preaching has so little effect on morals. The answer is plain. A community founded on injustice and riches, a community with a poor environment, which produces poisonous social conditions, cannot be made good by preaching any more than small pox can be cured by the prayer of one man. Conditions must change, a new environment for the race must be inaugurated.

## Clear as Crystal

Socialism is like a clear, crystal spring, to which one may ever turn to quench one's thirst. Or like the mighty ocean, whose abyssal depths may never be sounded.

It is ever fresh, ever new, ever fascinating. Dealing, as it does, with every phase of human existence, it will mould and remould human nature, society and political and industrial institutions.

It has an answer for every Sphinx. It is the hope, and the only hope, for the future. Without its bow of promise, well might the people give up in despair. It is the "pillar of fire" by day and the "star" by night that will yet lead them out of the wilderness of Capitalism, into the promised land of brotherhood and industrial freedom.

## Ignorant of History

If you would know how ignorant the average man is of the history of the race, ask the first twenty men whom you meet what work on history they have read, and you will be surprised to find how many never read a single volume. All the experience of the past is lost on these men, and they are as easy dupes of designing men as were their illiterate ancestors of a thousand years ago.

No wonder the workers are ignorant and in slavery, when the fountain of their knowledge—the old party press—is poisoned with lies misrepresentation and misinformation.

If you would be wise happy and free, wage slaves of Canada read and support your own, the Socialist papers.

You are not obliged to take the other fellows word as authority for anything. Read, think, investigate and study for yourself.

## GOOD BITS

From the Little Old "Appeal."

The wealth held by the rich makes the masses poor.

Ideals are good, but deals pay larger dividends these days.

Socialism has its face toward the dawn and never takes a backward step.

You may expect fishes to walk as soon as you can expect those who graft from the masses to make laws to protect the masses against that graft.

Just imagine a time when men lived without labor! You can't do it. "Labor was first," said Lincoln, and is therefore entitled to first consideration.

One thing: these rich guys who bewail that they can't be happy because wealthy, could easily get the old-time enjoyment they praise if they really wanted it.

Capitalism has so corrupted religion that it does not protest at the robbery of profits. Socialism will make environment so moral that real religion will have a chance.

Capitalism is such a failure that it cannot provide plenty for all. Socialism will make it so that any who will work can have work and live in both comfort and luxury.

Divide all the wealth produced by the people who work on the farms, among them, and they are a very poorly paid set of workers. The aggregate is great but the individual part is very small.

The plutocracy's only spectre is Socialism and turn which way it will it finds itself confronted by this menace and portent. Plutocracy triumphant sees its doom in the rise of this uncompromising revolutionary movement.

A new motor plow is turning the soil, so it is reported, at 50 cents an acre, and making money at it. It is only one more of the machines that the farmer will have to reckon with, which in the aggregate are making the farm a factory proposition.

Two years ago the Appeal predicted that Roosevelt would leave the white house the most generally detested man who ever filled it. Isn't it coming true? Watch the public print as soon as he leaves the chair. Many are afraid to say anything now, but when he becomes a private citizen you will see the fur fly.

Labor is in partnership with capital—but labor is a silent partner and has nothing whatever to say as to what he shall pay for the goods he makes—and mightily little to say about what his wages shall be. And this little makes no difference to him, so long as the other partner takes all that is produced and names the prices at which labor must buy.

Jay Gould once said that he could hire one-half the people to shoot the other half. Jay was right. In Russia we see the czar hiring half the people to kill the other half; we find the same thing in every country. We see Americans hired as soldiers to shoot the miners—the strikers for justice. But there is another thing: Rulers have not been able to hire Socialists to shoot the people. Only ignorant or degraded people will hire themselves out to kill other people.

The Russian minister to Rome, stopping at Paris, visited a harlot and was poisoned. The late president Faure of France died in the arms of a harlot. The rich rulers are opposed to Socialism and are great on the protection of the homes and family—like these two rakes. Socialism would do away with such libertines and debauches. The rich and mighty practice all the crimes that they charge against Socialism. They denounce Socialism to distract attention from their own characters.

If your boy visited a gambling house year after year and lost his money and he still persisted in trying to win, after

## Socialist Literature

We are making arrangements regarding proper Socialist literature. In the meantime those wishing to get an insight into what Socialism is, and the basic principles thereof, should send to Charles H. Kerr & Co., 153 Kinzie Street, Chicago, for a copy of "Socialists, Who They Are and What They Stand For." In paper, 10 cents; in cloth 50 cents. This company publishes the right books at right prices through co-operation.

you warned him and plead with him, what kind of a fool would you not consider him? Haven't you been going to the polls year after year, voting the same tickets to get a better condition being promised protection from trusts and combines, and never getting it? Haven't you been doing the same as that supposed son of yours? Are you not the same kind of a chump as he?

Suppose some disaster, like the Italian earthquake, should depopulate the working class world and leave the earth in possession of the plutocrats—the men and woman who live on their incomes from stocks and bonds and rents! What would happen? Simply this: A new working class would come into existence—otherwise our erstwhile plutocracy would perish. And this working class could be recruited only from the ranks of the surviving capitalists. And then would begin all over again the class struggle between the workers on one side and the self-constituted masters on the other.

From every city comes reports of diseased milk and unsanitary dairies. This is the cry year in and year out. Not only that, but the farmers are forced to sell milk cheap that the distributing monopoly of capitalists may make big profits. And it could be so easily remedied! All that is necessary to get good, wholesome milk at a reasonable price is for the city to own and operate the dairy business. It can then have any kind of milk it desires, at cost, and no one will make a profit by supplying cheap, nasty, adulterated or infected milk. So long as more money can be made by those handling milk by adulteration, so long will it be adulterated. You would do it, and you must expect others are much like yourself. Only by collective ownership will the incentive to cheat be abolished. Will you never grasp a statement as simple as that?

A fellow observed the other day that when a man succeeds in making a little money without work he seldom goes back to useful industry; but, having caught onto the principle of living without work, he never leaves it. The secret of living without work is easy when you learn it. Thousands are learning it, and that is making the burden harder for those who have remained so stupid they do not see that their useful labor supports all the rest of society. A stupid, ignorant person, unless left richer, always works and has but little. When the many who produce get their minds focused on this subject they will refuse to work under conditions that make others rich while they remain poor. They will vote their masters out of their easy seats, and compel them to do their share of work if they live at all. No one has a moral right to live off other human beings. But ignorance has always been ridden and always will be, and that is the reason Socialists are always trying to teach the stupid so they will not remain ignorant and suffer extortion.

An article in a recent magazine told how railroad officials, during the panic last year, went to their employees and invited them to help cut down expenses by working harder, saving coal, oil and other ways; at the end of the year they had saved the company \$1,057,500! The net income to the road was practically what it had been before. Now this sounds very well, and is very well, so far as it goes, but there is another side to the picture. This vast sum was so much taken away from the men who had been discharged. Their means of living had been decreased by that amount. The rich man's panic had been transferred from the shoulders of the rich to the shoulders of those who work. And the injury still goes on for the article says that the condition of extra work and care which the men assumed is to be continued as a regular thing, so that the displaced laborers are to be permanently excluded from a chance to make a living.

# PLATFORM

## Socialist Party of Canada

We, the Socialist Party of Canada, in convention assembled, affirm our allegiance to, and support of the principles and programme of the revolutionary working class.

Labor produces all wealth, and to the producers it should belong. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of production, consequently all the products of labor belong to the capitalist class. The capitalist is therefore master; the worker a slave.

So long as the capitalist class remains in possession of the reins of government all the powers of the State will be used to protect and defend their property rights in the means of wealth production and their control of the product of labor.

The capitalist system gives to the capitalist an ever-swelling stream of profits, and to the worker an ever increasing measure of misery and degradation.

The interest of the working class lies in the direction of setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system, under which is cloaked the robbery of the working-class at the point of production. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property in the means of wealth production into collective or working-class property.

The irrepressible conflict of interests between the capitalist and the worker is rapidly culminating in a struggle for possession of the power of government—the capitalist to hold, the worker to secure it by political action. This is the class struggle.

Therefore, we call upon all workers to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of Canada with the object of conquering the public powers for the purpose of setting up and enforcing the economic programme of the working class, as follows:

1. The transformation, as rapidly as possible, of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (natural resources, factories, mills, railroads etc.) into the collective property of the working class.
2. The democratic organization and management of industry by the workers.
3. The establishment, as speedily as possible, of production for use instead of production for profit.

The Socialist Party, when in office, shall always and everywhere until the present system is abolished, make the answer to this question its guiding rule of conduct: Will this legislation advance the interests of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism? If it will the Socialist Party is for it; if it will not, the Socialist Party is absolutely opposed to it.

In accordance with this principle the Socialist Party pledges itself to conduct all the public affairs placed in its hands in such a manner as to promote the interests of the working class alone.

**SOCIALIST LOCALS** can be started with five members. For Charter application, and all necessary information write D. G. McKENZIE, Secretary the Socialist Party of Canada, Box 836, Vancouver, B. C.

## THE MARCH OF DESTINY

BY JOHN M. WORK

The thing which strikes terror and dismay to the hearts of the capitalists is the fact that the Socialist movement keeps marching steadily, constantly and persistently onward.

To them, this is a new and inexplicable phenomenon.

They have been accustomed to killing off radical political movements by shrewd political maneuvers. They have confidently expected to lay the Socialist movement in its grave in the same manner. But continuous events have rudely awakened them to the fact that the Socialist movement is a law unto itself.

The Socialist movement does not respond to the old tactics.

Capitalist weapons, hurled against it, rebound with the points turned. The Socialist movement is not a loose organization of half-baked reformers who do not know what they want.

The Socialist movement is a compact organization of class-conscious, definite, positive, aggressive men and women, who know just what they are after, and how to get it, and who keep right on following the direct path to their goal, utterly regardless of blandishments, flatteries, threats, invitations and insults.

These men and women understand the meaning of history. They understand the signs of the times. They are therefore able to forecast the future in its general outlines.

When they say that Socialism is the next step in industrial revolution, they are not merely guessing. Neither is the wish the father to the thought. They are simply giving voice to a conclusion to which the whole of human history points.

The capitalists are not only appalled by their inability to injure it by direct attack before the people. This is where we are invulnerable. You can kill a lie by vigorously attacking it and showing people that it is a lie.

**BUT THE TRUTH THRIVES ON OPPOSITION.**

Every attack upon the truth causes people to investigate it. And when they investigate it they make the discovery that it is the truth. So to attack Socialism is merely one means of propagating it.

This aggravating fact leaves the capitalists stranded. They do not know which way to turn. They will be condemned if they do and likewise if they don't. Small wonder they are perplexed.

It is beginning to dawn on them that Socialism is inevitable.

—CHICAGO DAILY SOCIALIST

## CHEAP LIGHTNING

A message boy who does not believe in hurrying was one day sent to do a certain job, but as usual proceeded to take his own time about it.

His master, discovering that the work had not been done, sent for the boy, and after a severe scolding wound up by telling him he was not smart enough for him.

His master was some taken aback when the boy retorted: "Mighty me, did ye expect a flash of lightning for three bob a week?"

Will the secretaries of all Canadian Locals, and comrades in towns that have no local, see that a list of all Socialists, radicals and right-thinking people in their different localities are at once sent in to COTTON'S WEEKLY. Help along the propaganda work comrades. The time is ripe.

To be a Socialist means to be ever a persistent student of the economics of capitalism.

More for your money—  
**STAG**  
BRIGHT PLUG  
CHEWING TOBACCO  
Ask your dealer for the  
new increased size.